

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A mobile medical treatment facility capable of being transported over the roadways and treating a plurality of patients suffering from a range of conditions or injuries, said medical treatment facility comprising: a trailer defining a floor area and having at least a first configuration and a second configuration, wherein in the second configuration the floor area of the trailer supports a first medical treatment patient area configured to provide general care to a plurality of patients and a second medical treatment patient area configured to provide surgical care to a least one patient ~~a plurality of treatment bays for treating patients and~~ and in the first configuration the floor area of the trailer is reduced to allow for the transporting of the trailer, ~~the trailer including a center floor section capable of supporting and maintaining at least one of one or more equipment and one or more fixtures in both the first configuration and the second configuration, and at least one slide out for moving the trailer between the first~~ ~~configuration and the second configuration and wherein the at least one slide out includes a floor~~ ~~configured to partially fold upwards when the trailer is in the first configuration and substantially~~ ~~unfold when the trailer is in the second configuration, wherein, in the second configuration, the~~ first medical treatment patient area includes a first row of a plurality of patient treatment bays, a second row of a plurality of patient treatment bays and one or more curtains for dividing each of the patient treatment bays and for providing privacy therein and wherein, each patient treatment bay includes either a patient bed or chair and, in the second configuration, the second medical treatment patient area includes at least one operating station that includes an operating table for medical care.

2. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility according to Claim 1 further comprising a tractor for transporting the trailer.

3. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility according to Claim 1 further comprising an awning system for providing an extended patient care work environment protective area adjacent to and substantially around said trailer.

4. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility according to Claim 1 further comprising a second trailer for storing equipment or supplies.

5. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility according to Claim 1 wherein the floor area in the second configuration is at least twice as large as the floor area in the first configuration.

Claims 6-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility trailer according to Claim 9 ~~further comprising 1 wherein the trailer further includes~~ a generator for providing power to the trailer; an air filtration system for filtering an air supply to the trailer, wherein the air filtration system maintains the air pressure inside the trailer at a ~~different~~ higher level than the air pressure outside the trailer[[ ]].

Claims 13-15 (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility trailer according to Claim 9 ~~further comprising 1 wherein the trailer further includes~~ at least one heating source for providing heat to the trailer and at least one air conditioning source for cooling the trailer.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility trailer according to Claim [[9]] 1 further comprising means for changing ~~each treatment area between the first configuration of the treatment area and the second configuration of the treatment area between the first and second configurations.~~

19. (Currently amended) The mobile medical treatment facility trailer according of

Claim [[9]] 1 further comprising means for supplying an air supply for treating patients and a satellite communication system for providing telemedicine capability.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A mobile medical treatment facility capable of transporting over the roadways and treating a plurality of patients suffering from a range of conditions or injuries, said medical facility comprising:

a trailer having,

a first slide out, a second slide out, and a third slide out; wherein each of the first, second, and third slide outs have at least one slide out having a first and second position,

a first configuration when each of the first, second, and third slide outs ~~out~~ is in its first position, said first configuration defining a first floor area,

a second configuration when each of the first, second, and third slide outs ~~out~~ is in its second position, said second configuration defining a second floor area, and

~~a floor configured to partially fold upwards when each slide out is in its first position and substantially unfold when each slide out is in its second position, —~~

wherein the second floor area is at least twice the first floor area,

a first patient treatment area defined at least partially by the first and second slide outs and, in the second configuration, is configured to provide general care to a plurality of patients and includes a first row of a plurality of patient treatment bays, a second row of a plurality of patient treatment bays and one or more curtains for dividing each of the patient treatment bays and for providing privacy therein and wherein, each patient treatment bay includes either a patient bed or patient chair and equipment configured to treat a patient and,

a second patient treatment area at least partially defined by the third slide out and, in the second configuration, is configured to provide surgical care to at least one patient and includes at least one operating station that has an operating table and equipment configured to treat a patient.

Claims 22-26 (Canceled)

27. (Currently amended) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21 further comprising an awning system that extends substantially around the trailer, when the trailer is in the second configuration, and provides for providing an extended protective-area patient care work environment adjacent to said trailer.

28. (Previously presented) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21 further comprising a tractor for pulling said trailer.

29. (Original) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21 further comprising a second trailer for providing a storage area.

Claims 30-33 (Canceled)

34. (Currently amended) A method for providing medical care to a plurality of patients comprising:

transporting a first trailer in a first configuration from a first location to a second location, wherein in the first configuration the first trailer defines a first floor area and wherein in the first configuration the first trailer defines a size and a shape for facilitating the transportation of the first trailer over roadways;

expanding first, second, and third slide outs of the first trailer in order to place the first trailer into a second configuration, wherein in the second configuration the trailer defines a second floor area greater than the first floor area; and

providing at least a first medical treatment patient area defined at least partially by the first and second slide outs within the second floor area having a first row of a plurality of patient beds treatment bays and a second row of a plurality of patient beds treatment bays, wherein each treatment bay includes either a patient bed or patient chair, and providing a second medical treatment patient area defined at least partially by the third slide out within the second floor area having at least one operating station that includes an operating table; and for providing general care and monitoring of the plurality of patients

providing one or more curtains for dividing each of the treatment bays for privacy therein.

Claims 35-42 (Canceled)

43. (New) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 21, wherein, in the second configuration, the first row of the plurality of patient treatment bays of the first treatment area includes six patient treatment bays, the second row of the plurality of patient treatment bays of the first treatment area includes six patient treatment bays, and the second treatment area includes two operating stations.

44. (New) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 43, wherein the trailer includes a partition between the first and second treatment areas for controlling movement between the first and second treatment areas.

45. (New) The mobile medical facility according to Claim 27, wherein the awning system includes a plurality of litters, one or more supply carts, a light source, and an electric source for extending one or more of the medical capabilities of the mobile medical facility outside the trailer.

46. (New) The method according to Claim 34 further comprising placing an awning system substantially around the trailer to extend one or more medical capability of the mobile medical facility outside the trailer.

47. (New) The method according to Claim 46, wherein the awning system defines an enclosed area and further comprising dividing the enclosed area into a first section for patients categorized as a higher priority and a second section for patients categorized as a lower priority.

48. (New) The method according to Claim 47 further comprising designating one or more of the patient treatment bays of the first and second rows of the plurality of patient treatment bays of the first treatment area nearest the second treatment area as critical care patient treatment bays and designating one or more of the patient treatment bays of the first and second

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rows of the plurality of patient treatment bays of the first treatment area furthest from the second treatment area as general care patient treatment bays.